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Construction of a dam at Kilikudu.

* 1531 *Q.*—Mr. S. Muttayya Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have finally decided to build a dam at Kilikudu?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1477.

Panchayat Courts.

Inspection of Panchayat Courts.

* 1532 *Q.*—Mr. D. Manjayya Heggade: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the authorities that inspect periodically or occasionally the Panchayat Courts?

A.—Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Government have made any arrangements by which they can ascertain how far these officers inspect the Panchayat Courts either periodically or occasionally?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"If the hon. Member has any particular district in mind I shall be glad to obtain the information."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Collectors send any reports?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"They do, Sir."

Mr. R. Veerian:—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars have, during their periodical inspections, found out whether members of the depressed classes are having free access to these Panchayat Courts?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"I do not know whether they have done so till now. But the strenuous endeavours made by the hon. Member who has just spoken, undoubtedly force themselves so much upon the attention of the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars that I have no doubt that they will pay attention to that matter."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi:—"May I ask whether the inspecting authorities send any reports of their inspection?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi:—"May I know whether a column in respect to the question of the appointment of members of the depressed classes, will be inserted in the reports?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"I can only say now that I will consider that suggestion."

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"May I know whether the Revenue Divisional Officers inspect these courts?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"They are not prevented from doing so."